



## **Parking Implementation and Governance Committee**

**Meeting Date:** Monday September 18, 2017

**Time:** 8:00 to 9:00 am

**Location:** Town Manager's Conference Room, Town Hall Annex

**Attendance:** Adam Chapdelaine, Leland Stein, Jill Mirak, Howard Muise, Laura Wiener, Corey Rateau, Ali Carter

**Guests:** none

Meeting minutes. Minutes of 8/21/17 were approved unanimously.

Parking Benefits District. Laura is getting prices for redesign of the municipal parking lots. Corey noted Railroad lot layout could be more user friendly. Howard noted that circulation could be improved at Russell Common, though we can't increase # of spaces. Jill asked about status of Broadway Plaza redesign. Town should hear from State about Massworks grant at end of October. If we don't get it, Town will begin design for Broadway Plaza, and look into reapplying next year. Whittemore Park improvements will start soon, with funding from CPA. Perhaps some Broadway Plaza improvements could be funded from CPA, if considered open space.

Arlington Alive. Leland said he is talking to other merchants about ways to build it up and make it more attractive. Eligible for PBD funding? Adam responded that he prefers to fund it in a different way. These funds should be tied to parking infrastructure.

Monitoring. Howard reported on the results of his monitoring.

### **Saturday parking utilization counts**, taken 5/18/17.

- On-street metered spaces highest utilization is at 7PM, close to 100% utilization of spaces. The lowest utilization is at 5:00 PM, 65%.
  - The original counts (pre-meter) had maximum on-street utilization at 11AM, at 107% vs. current utilization at that hour of 82%.
- Parking lots highest utilization is also at 7 PM, but is only 56%. Twenty percent (20%) drop in usage between 4 and 5 PM could be attributed to Saturday evening mass at St. Agnes.
  - Original pre-meter counts showed maximum utilization at 7PM, with 83%, new count is 56%. Old counts were in November.

### **Thursday parking utilization counts**, taken 5/18/17.

- On-street metered spaces highest utilization is at 7PM, 86% utilization of spaces. The lowest utilization is at 5:00 PM, 70%.

- Original counts (pre-meter) on street peak was 6PM, 98% utilization
- Parking Lots peak utilization is 10AM (81%). Includes AC students and teachers. Roughly 91 is permit holders' parking. The 10AM increase 10 could be employees of retail businesses.
  - Original pre-meter counts showed maximum utilization at 6PM, with 88% utilization.

#### Observations:

- It appears to be somewhat easier to find parking on the street, with some exceptions.
- Lots are still underutilized, so there is still room to move some drivers off the street and into parking lots.
- Turnover analysis (describes how many cars park in a particular spot throughout the day). Overall turnover improved from 4.7 to 5.3 cars per space. More cars are using the same number of on-street spaces.
- Broadway Plaza is still really busy all day.
- We have more parking than we need right now.

Ali asked Howard if he could look at data for Alton Street. Adam noted that we want to encourage more people to use the lots later in the day. This data helps justify improvements to the lots. Could also adjust pricing. Howard asked if the Parking Clerk could provide data on parking permits now vs. before metering. Has there been an increase?

Adam will pursue replacing the St. Agnes representative on the Committee.

Next meeting: Thursday October 19, 8AM.